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Proposal to change the reserved seats of the South Arcot District Board from the circles allotted to in the first instance.

* 415 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the seats reserved for various minority communities in South Arcot District Board during the elections of 1932 have been changed or are proposed to be changed from one circle to another for the coming elections to that district board;

(*b*) if so, what the reasons for the changes are;

(*c*) what the names of the circles which had the respective reserved seats as allotted during the elections of 1932 are, and what the strength of the particular community for which a seat is reserved in that circle is;

(*d*) by whom the reservation of such seats was recommended and by whom it was approved;

(*e*) whether the district board also accepted the reservation of seats in various circles as made at that time;

(*f*) what the strength of that particular community for which a seat is reserved in the various circles is;

(*g*) whether the Inspector of Local Boards has been consulted regarding this change of reserved seats from one circle to another;

(*h*) if so, what remarks he offered, and whether a copy of it will be placed on the Council table; and

(*i*) whether the Inspector of Local Boards had been consulted at the time of reservation of seats made during the elections of 1932; if so, what remarks he offered and whether a copy of it will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) There has been a fresh allocation of the reserved seats in supersession of the allocation ordered in 1932.

(*b*) The present allocation is based on the principle that seats should be allotted to those circles in which the communities concerned do not have a fair chance of getting their own representatives elected.

(*c*)—

Number of circle. (Names not available).	Community or sex for whom seat was reserved.
II	Indian Christian.
V	Adi-Dravida.
IX	Do.
XI	Woman.
XV	Muslim.
XVI	Adi-Dravida.
XIX	Indian Christians.
XXVII	One European. One Woman.
XXXV	Adi-Dravida.
XXXIX	Do.
XL	Muslim.

No information is available as to strength of each community in the circle in which seat was reserved for it.

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(*d*) & (*e*) The allocation was recommended by the District Board, supported by the then Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards and approved by the Government.

(*f*) No information is available.

(*g*), (*h*) & (*i*) Yes. The Government are not prepared to place the remarks of the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards on the table.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I ask, Sir, on what principle the changes have been made, and whether these principles were not taken into consideration at the time of fixing the reserved seats during the year 1932?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"In accordance with the resolution of the District Board, reserved seats have been allotted on the principle that they should be allotted to circles in which the communities concerned do not have a fair chance."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I ask, Sir, whether this principle was not adopted at the time of the elections of 1932?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"No principle was followed in the case of all the seats; there have been exceptions."

Ferries

Proposal to reopen the ferry farms at Nagamarai and Pannavadi, Mettur Dam.

* 416 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur S. ELLAPPA CHETTIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government had passed orders in March 1934, that the ferry farms at Nagamarai and Pannavadi above the Mettur Dam line should be closed;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the orders will be placed on the Council table;

(*c*) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that ferry boats are now being illicitly plied across these two ferries;

(*d*) whether the Public Works Department has now addressed the Government for reopening these two farms; and

(*e*) if so, what orders have been passed thereon?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) In G.O. No. 777 I., dated 28th March 1934, a copy[a] of which is now placed on the Council table, 15 ferries in Salem district were ordered to be closed and the ferry at Nagamarai was one of them. There was no ferry at Pannavadi before the construction of the Mettur Dam. Boats were, however, plying between Kaveripuram and Nagamarai but the ferries at these two places were closed with reference to the orders in the Government Order referred to above. Boats are now plying between

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 508 infra.